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CM attends 1st North East Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave in Chumoukedima

CM stresses on mix of technology and planning for utilizing natural resources

Dispur, October 31: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today attended the first North East Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave in presence of Union Minister for Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi at Chumoukedima in Nagaland today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that North Eastern region of the country is very rich in mines, minerals and other natural resources. However, with right mix of technology and proper planning the region will be in a position to utilize its full potential in this sector.

Referring to Odisha which has made significant progress using the resources extracted from mines, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the mineral resources in the region should be judiciously used to expedite the rate of development. Dr. Sarma also sought cooperation and support of the Union Coal, Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi for Assam to draw the right kind of roadmap for the prudent utilization of its mineral resources.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's importance and priority to North East which are primarily responsible for the expeditious development, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that in the last few years the region witnessed several policy decisions of the Central Government to put the entire North East into a robust growth trajectory. He also said that the Prime Minister addresses the region as the New Engine of growth and Astalaxmi which transformed the region into a development hub. Moreover, the region has experienced an unprecedented growth with regard to rail, road, water and air connectivity.

The Chief Minister said that the proposed four lane road connecting Kohima, Dimapur and Karbi Anglong once completed will usher in new momentum of growth and development. He also said that in the field of unconventional and renewable energy sources, the Prime Minister's target of green energy generation by 2035 would lead to reduction of environmental pollution to a great extent.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the conclave will give a new dimension for the growth of mines and minerals sector in the region. He also hoped that the Union Minister for Mines and Coal will take special steps for the implementation of the proposals charted in the conclave. He at the same time, welcome the decision of the ministry for holding the next conclave in Guwahati.

Chief Minister Nagaland Neiphiu Rio, Minister of Mines and Minerals Nandita Gorlosa, MLA Taranga Gogoi and other senior officers of State and Central governments were present at the conclave.

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